HOUSE RESOLUTION 299 By Sargent

A RESOLUTION to commend Gary Andrew Ferguson for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Gary Andrew Ferguson is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Representative Charles Sargent; Gary's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a graduate student at Middle Tennessee State University, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Gary has achieved academic success while working on his Master's degree in Public History with emphasis in Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson graduated from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History in 2003; and

WHEREAS, donating his time and many talents to numerous organizations and activities, Gary Ferguson is a member of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, the son of Tom and Andrea Ferguson, Gary graduated from Oakland High School in Murfreesboro, in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Gary Ferguson is engaged to Beth Roberson, and they will be joined in matrimony on August 5, 2006; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Gary Ferguson brought his many

abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2006 session of the One Hundred Fourth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, evincing an unflagging commitment to excellence in every endeavor, Mr. Ferguson has worked assiduously during this legislative session to promote the estimable principles of democracy, fairness, and equity in the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Gary Ferguson epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Gary Andrew Ferguson for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Charles Sargent and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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